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Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

(currently amended) A device intended to establish a connection between two
adjacent slabs, preferably concrete slabs, by equipping the expansion joint between
said slabs, wherein said device is constituted by an assembly of two comprising:

<u>first and second</u> modules derived from sheets, each of the modules comprising:

a first series of flat elements, which form projections,

a second series of elements in the form of a right angle, which are integral with said projections, said second series of elements in the form of a right angle comprising a first flat part, which is in the same plane as said projections, and a raised second flat part, which forms a right angle with said first part,

flat elements, which are in the same plane as said raised parts and which form connections in the form of first longitudinal members between said raised parts,

said two first module disposed adjacent to said second module with medules being assembled in such a way that the raised parts of the first and second module [[face]] facing each other along the two sides of a center plane and the longitudinal members of the first and second module equally [[face]] facing each other along the two sides of said same center plane, and [[that]] the projections of each module [[extend]] extending on both sides of said center plane.

- 2. (original) The device as claimed in claim 1, which furthermore comprises flat elements which are in the same plane as said projections and form connections in the form of second longitudinal members, each second longitudinal member being present between the ends of one of said projections and of one of said first parts, being situated in the same plane as said projections
- (currently amended) The device according to claim 1, which furthermore comprises a separation element, between the two <u>first and second</u> modules.

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- 4. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the <u>first and</u> <u>second</u> modules <u>derived from sheets</u> are fixed to one another by temporary fixing means.
- 5. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the <u>first and</u> <u>second</u> modules are provided with anchoring elements.
- 6. (cancelled)
- 7. (cancelled)
- 8. (new) The device according to claim 1 wherein said separation element is a foil.
- 9. (new) The device according to claim 1 wherein said separation element is a sheet.